(*b*) whether there are any rules regarding the same;

(*c*) if not, will the Government be pleased to frame rules and circulate them among the members;

(*d*) whether this Committee has powers to prepare budget for the works; and

(*e*) whether the Committee has powers to peruse the office records and point out the irregularities?

*Chief Minister* (SHRI PANAMPILLI GOVINDA MENON):

(*a*) The purpose of the Committee is to secure the fullest co-operation of the public in the implementation of the Project Programmes. The Committee is a purely advisory body. There is a large range for the discretion of the Committee, especially in the determination of the location, selection and fixation of priorities of several items of development work.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Government do not think it necessary to restrict the work of the body in the frame-work of specific rules.

(*d*) The budget is prepared in consultation with the committee and is approved by them before it is sent to the District Advisory Committee.

(*e*) No.

**Sales Tax collected on Raw Rubber**

*552. [61] SHRI K. T. THOMAS: Will the Chief Minister be pleased to give the sales tax collections on raw rubber for the financial years 1951-52, 1952-53, 1953-54 and 1954-55 and during the period 1st April 1955 to 15th September 1955?

*Chief Minister* (SHRI PANAMPILLI GOVINDA MENON):

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1951-52 | Rs. | 2,68,653 | 6 | 6 |
| 1952-53 | ,, | 2,50,071 | 11 | 10 |
| 1953-54 | ,, | 2,71,021 | 12 | 11 |
| 1954-55 | ,, | 2,25,026 | 14 | 7 |
| 1955-56 (up to 15-9-1955) | ,, | 67,816 | 8 | 6 |

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